

## Abstract

A method is introduced for operating an internal combustion engine 10 in overrun condition, using the steps:

- 5 release of a monitoring of a control signal for a power actuator 18; 28; 30 of the internal combustion engine 10 when predetermined release conditions have been satisfied, which include the exceeding of a release rotary speed of the internal combustion engine 10,
- after the release, comparing a control signal for the power actuator 18; 28; 30 of the internal combustion engine 10 to a threshold value, and
- triggering an error response if the control signal exceeds the threshold value. The method stands
- 10 out in that the release speed is varied as a function of the intervention of an idling speed control 50 in the formation of the control signal. Also introduced is a control unit 20 which controls such methods.

Figure 1